

# OVERFLOW Analysis of the NASA Trap Wing Model from the First High Lift Prediction Workshop

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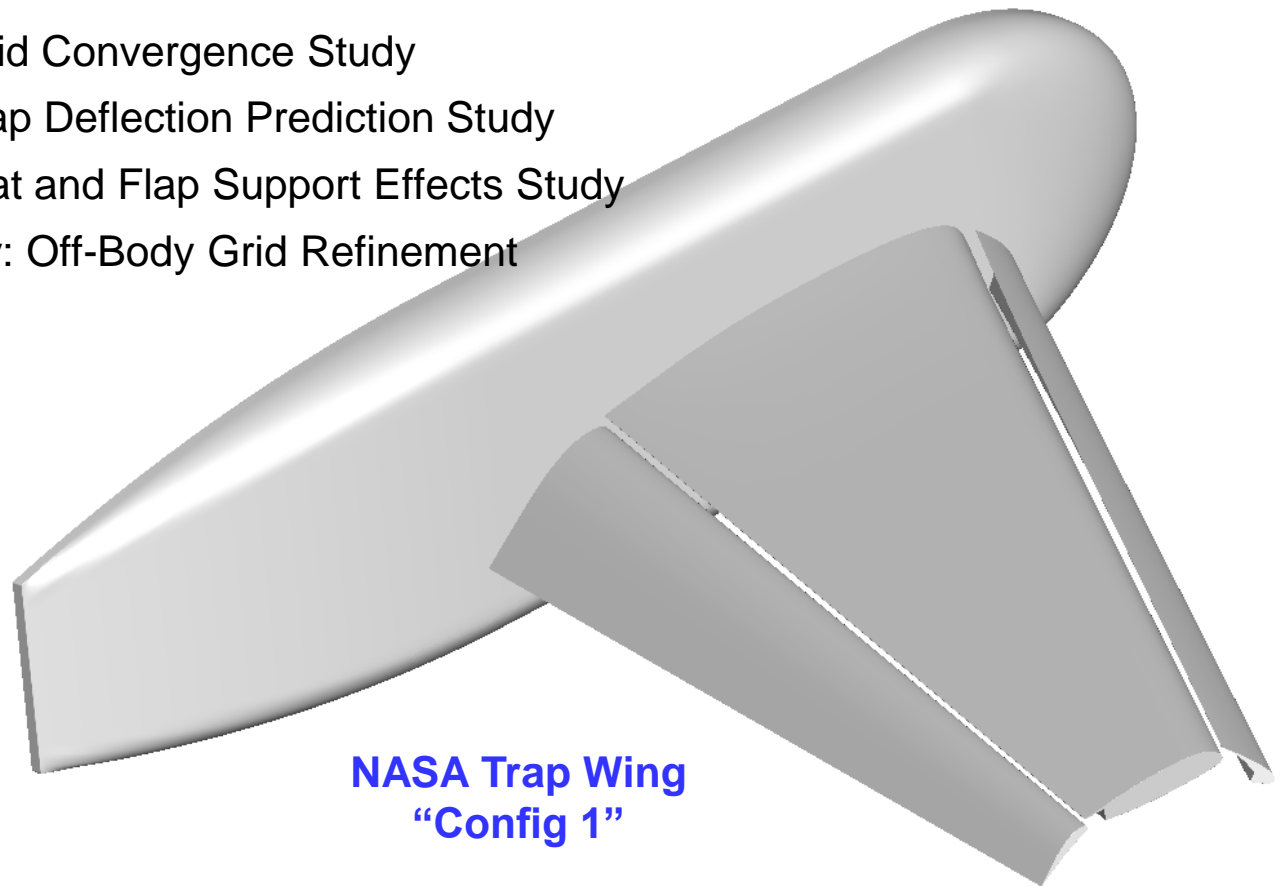
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# Trap Wing OVERFLOW Analysis Outline

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**NASA Trap Wing  
"Config 1"**



### Reference quantities:

- $\Lambda_{c/4} = 30^\circ$
- $S_{\text{ref}} = 3172.032 \text{ in}^2$
- $c_{\text{ref}} = 39.634 \text{ in}$
- $b/2 = 85.054 \text{ in}$
- $AR = 4.56$

### Analyzed two full-span flap configurations

- “Config 1” and “Config 8”
- Only difference is  $5^\circ$  of flap deflection

### More information found in multiple references

- AIAA Paper 2000-4217
- “Overview of the First AIAA CFD High Lift Prediction Workshop”

**Config 1:  $30^\circ$  slat,  $25^\circ$  flap**

**Config 8:  $30^\circ$  slat,  $20^\circ$  flap**



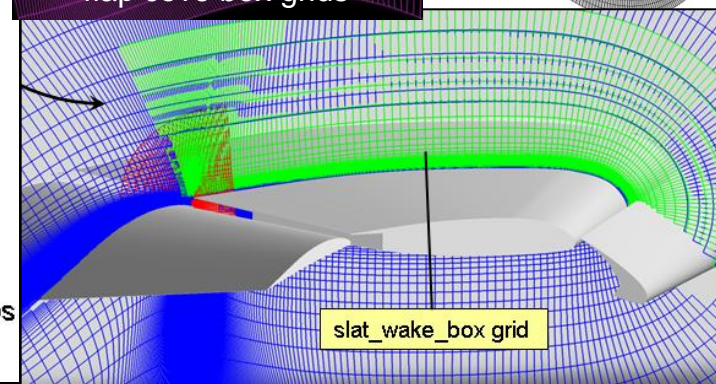
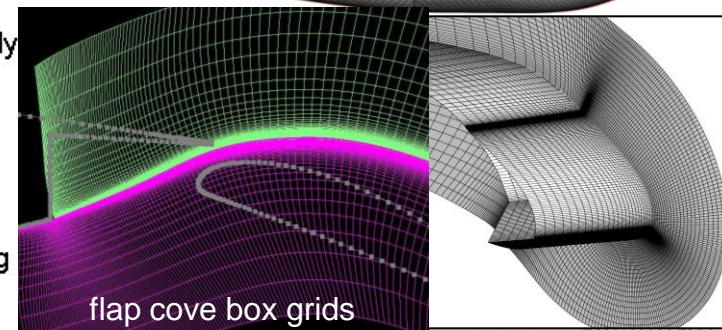
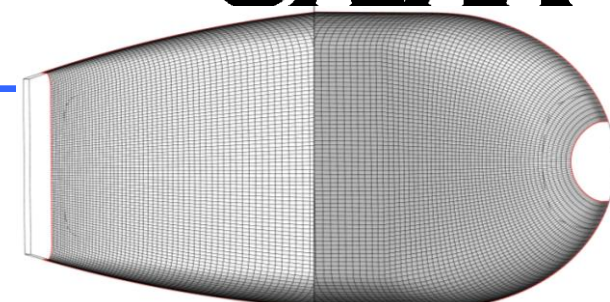
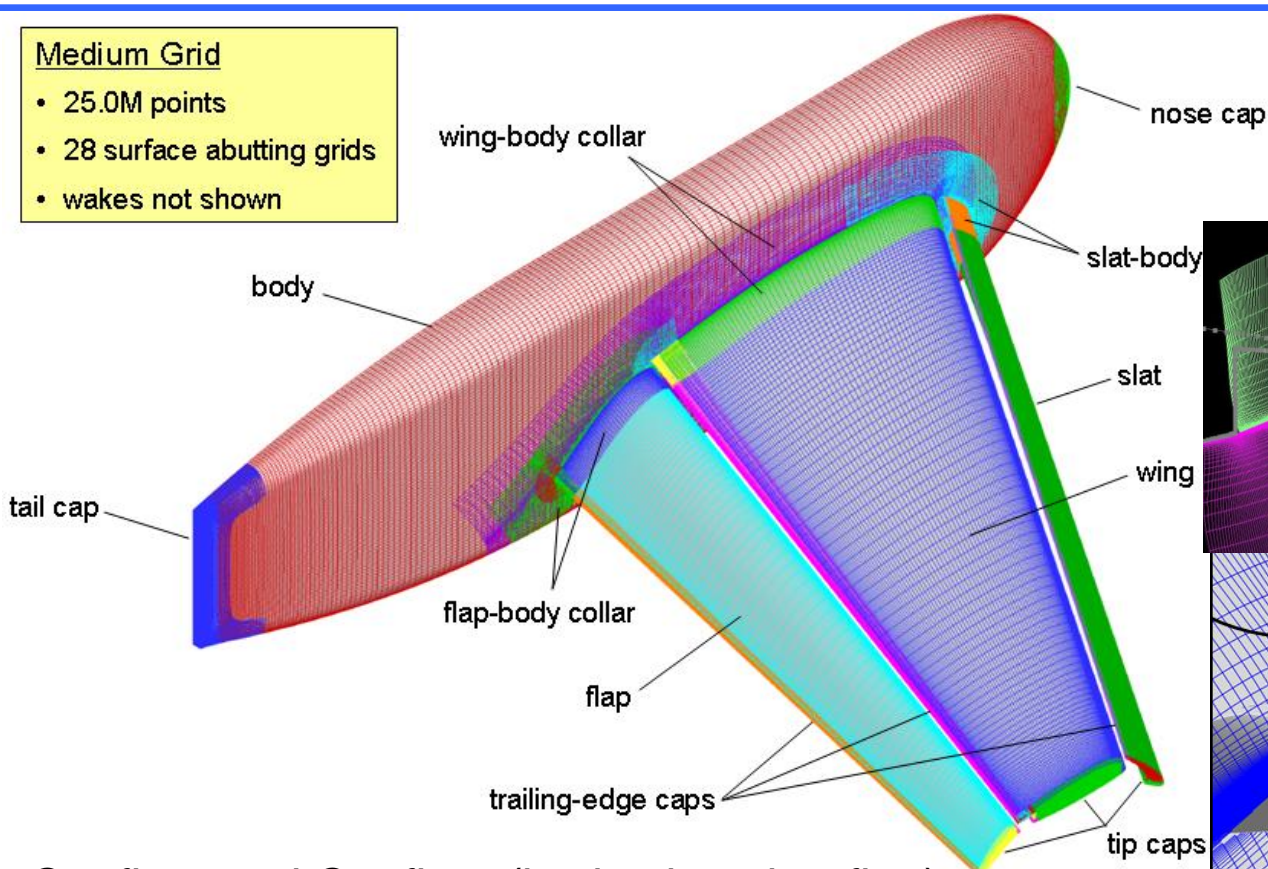
# Overset Grids

## Grid Parameters and Images – Brackets Off



### Medium Grid

- 25.0M points
- 28 surface abutting grids
- wakes not shown



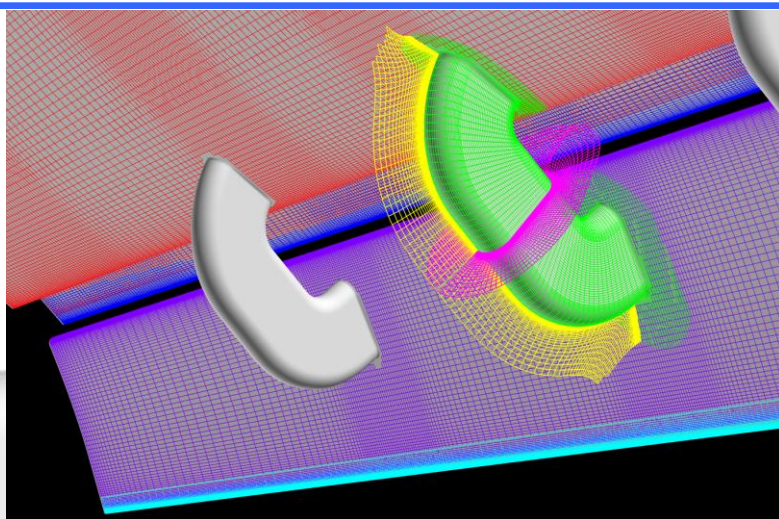
Config 1 and Config 8 (body-slat-wing-flap)

Grid	Points	$1/N^{2/3} \times 10^5$	1 <sup>st</sup> Cell Size	$y^+$	Const. Cells	Stretching
Coarse	10,653,004	2.07	.00017 in	.87	2	1.25
Medium	24,965,818	1.17	.00013 in	.66	3	1.18
Fine	83,302,438	0.52	.00009 in	.44	4	1.12
Extra-Fine	281,560,012	0.23	.00006 in	.29	6	1.08



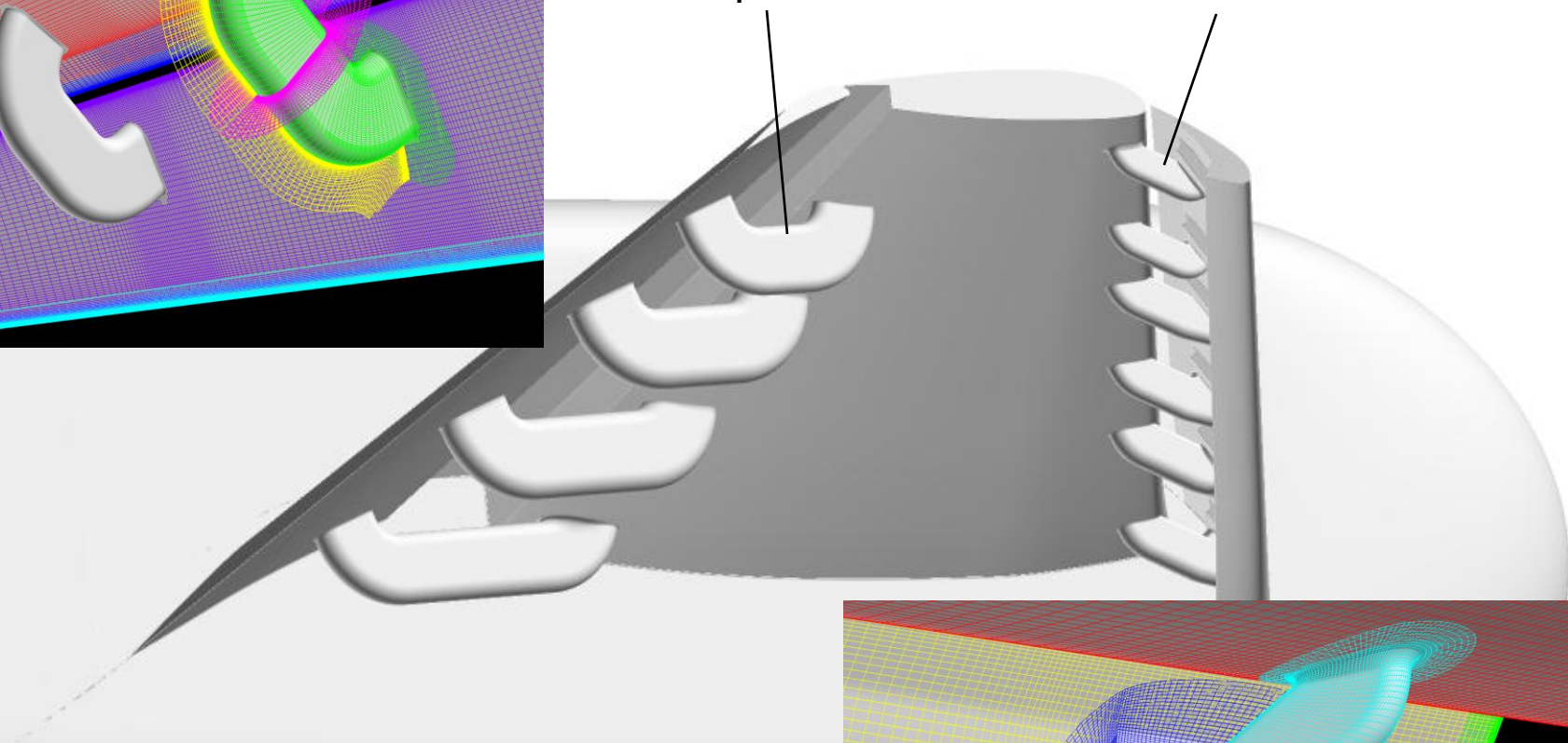
# Overset Grids

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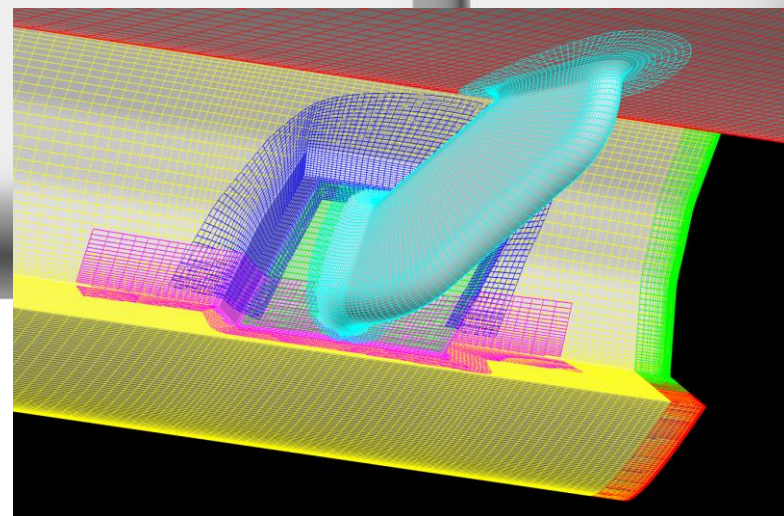
4 Flap Brackets

6 Slat Brackets



### Medium Grid Sizes

- Brackets-off = 25.0 million
- Brackets-off with refined c-mesh grids = 47.0 million
- Brackets-on with refined c-mesh grids = 58.2 million



# Solver, Solution, and Dataset Information

## *Boeing Study vs. NASA Study*

### **Boeing Study**

- OVERFLOW v2.1ad
- Majority of data generated using a default mode of operation
  - Roe upwind differencing
  - Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model version “fv3”
  - full Navier-Stokes
  - low-Mach preconditioning
  - exact turbulence model wall distance calculation
- Small subset of medium grid data generated using SA-RC
- Identical solution strategy employed for all cases analyzed
  - steady state
  - freestream initial conditions
  - maximum allowable  $\Delta t$

### **NASA Study**

- OVERFLOW v2.2
- Submitted data from multiple modes of operation
  - Roe, HLLC, central differencing schemes
  - Spalart-Allmaras turbulence model version “fv3” and Menter’s SST
  - full Navier-Stokes
  - low-Mach preconditioning
  - exact turbulence model wall distance calculation
- Small subset of medium grid data generated using SA-la
- Tailored solution strategy based on convergence behavior
  - steady state and time accurate
  - freestream initial conditions, restarts
  - minimize  $\Delta t$

# Solver, Solution, and Dataset Information

## *Boeing Study vs. NASA Study (continued)*

Dataset No.	Dataset Name	Workshop Entry No.	Source	Turbulence Model	Differencing Scheme	Test Case
1	B-SAfv3-Roe	003.01	Boeing, BR&T	SA-fv3	Roe upwind	1, 2, 3
2	B-SARC-Roe	n/a	Boeing, BR&T	SA-RC	Roe upwind	2
3	N-SAfv3-Roe	014.01	NASA ARC	SA-fv3	Roe upwind	1, 2, 3
4	N-SST-Roe	014.04	NASA ARC	SST	Roe upwind	1, 2, 3
5	N-SAfv3-HLLC	014.02	NASA ARC	SA-fv3	HLLC upwind	1, 2
6	N-SAfv3-central	014.03	NASA ARC	SA-fv3	Central	2
7	N-SAla-Roe	014.05	NASA ARC	SA-la	Roe upwind	2

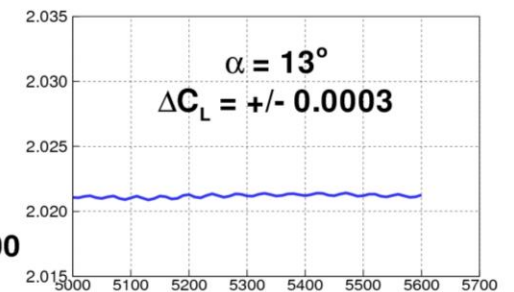
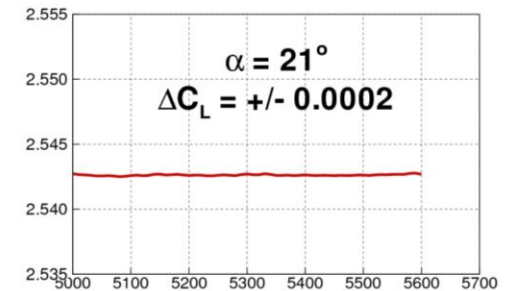
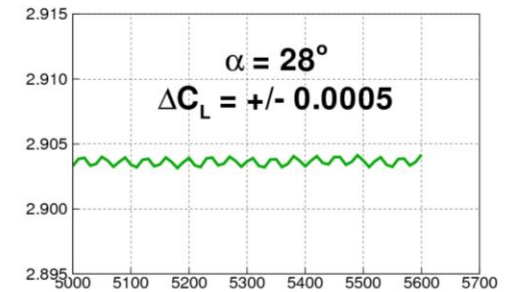
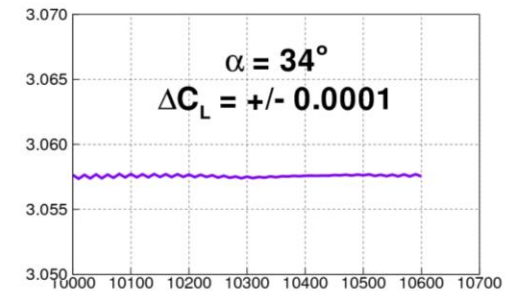
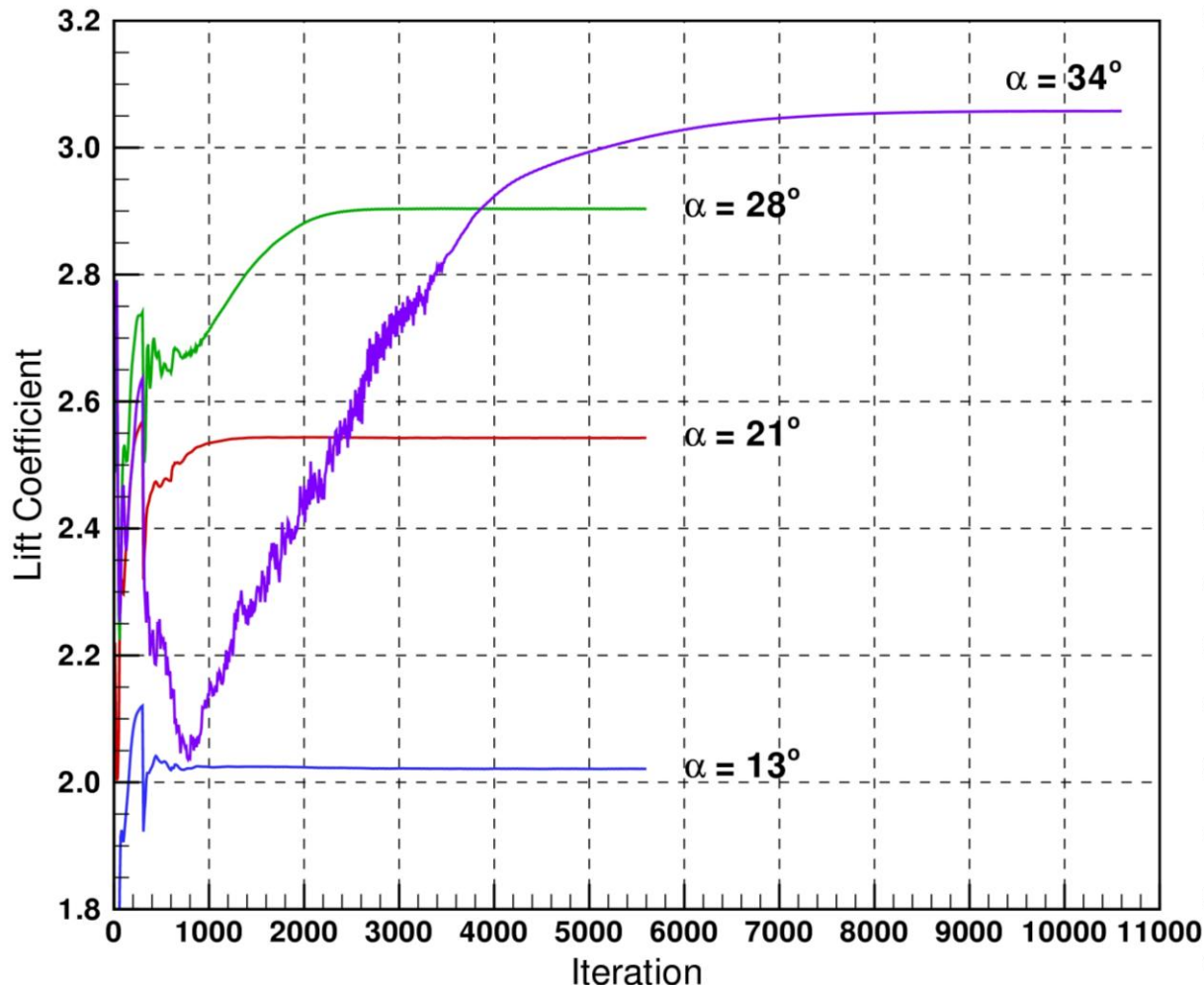
Test Case 1:	Grid Convergence Study	Required
Test Case 2:	Flap Deflection Prediction Study	Required
Test Case 3:	Slat and Flap Support Effects Study	Optional

# Convergence

## Lift: Medium Grid

### OVERFLOW Convergence Histories - Lift

- > Config 1 Medium Grid Solutions
- > Slat/Flap Brackets Off
- > Fully Turbulent, Free Air
- > RN = 4.3 million, Mach = 0.2





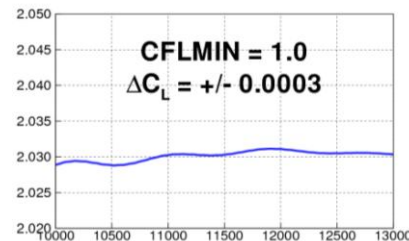
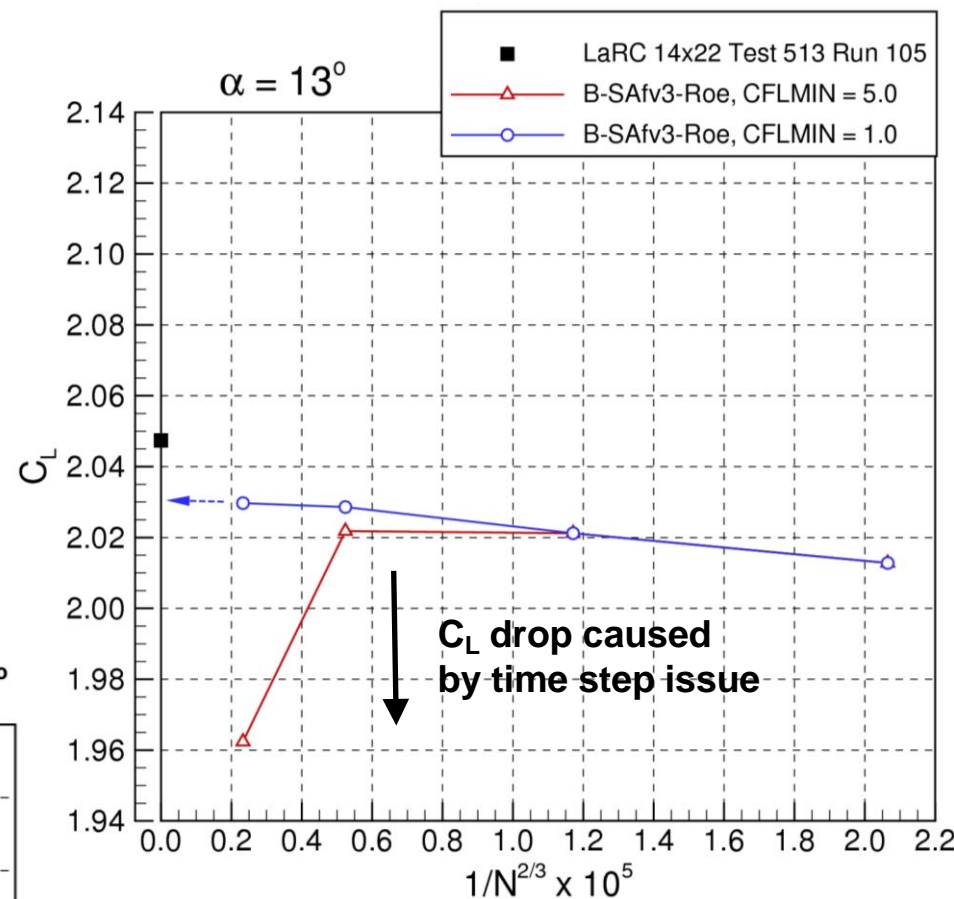
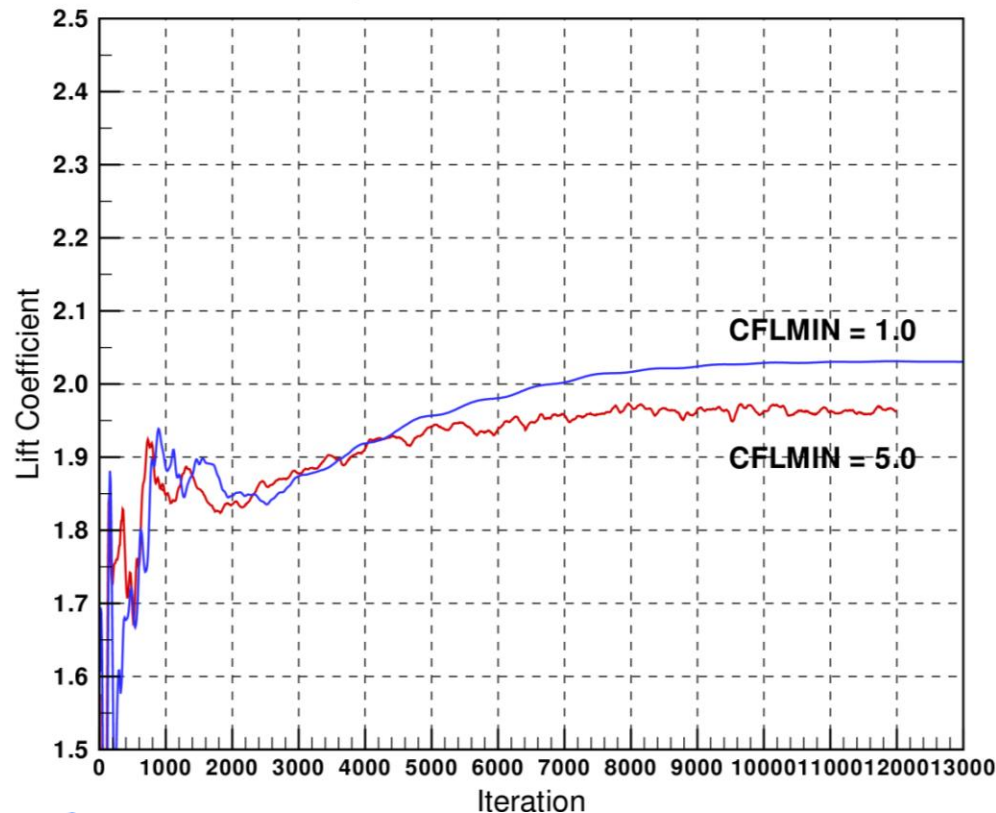
# Convergence

## Lift: Extra-Fine Grid

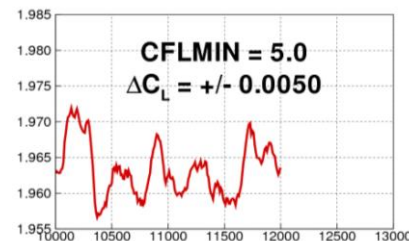
### OVERFLOW Convergence Histories - Lift

- > Config 1 Extra-Fine Grid Solutions
- > Slat/Flap Brackets Off
- > Fully Turbulent, Free Air
- > RN = 4.3 million, Mach = 0.2

$\alpha = 13^\circ$



CONVERGED



NOT CONVERGED

## Test Case 1 *Grid Convergence Study*

# Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study

## Config 1 Lift at $\alpha = 13^\circ$

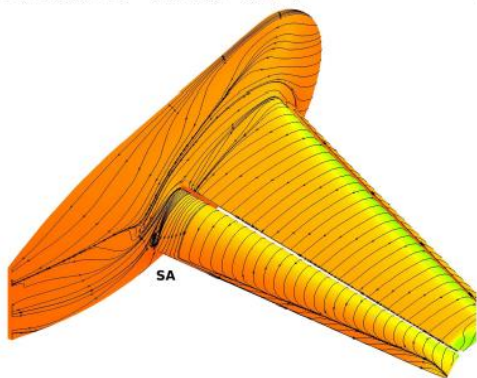
### Effect of Solution Strategy and Platform

- Boeing and NASA results are nearly identical

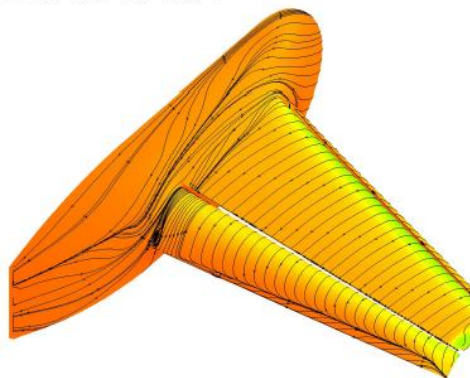
### Effect of Solution Algorithm

- HLLC results very similar to Roe, particularly for fine and extra-fine grids
- Central differencing gives less lift for medium grid

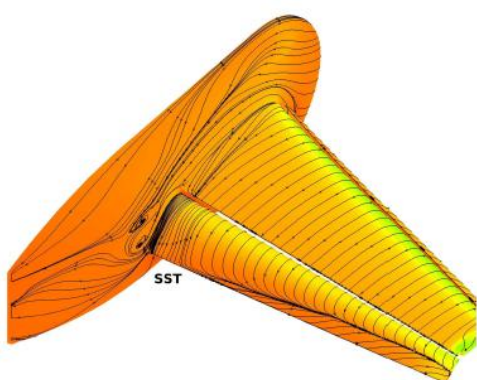
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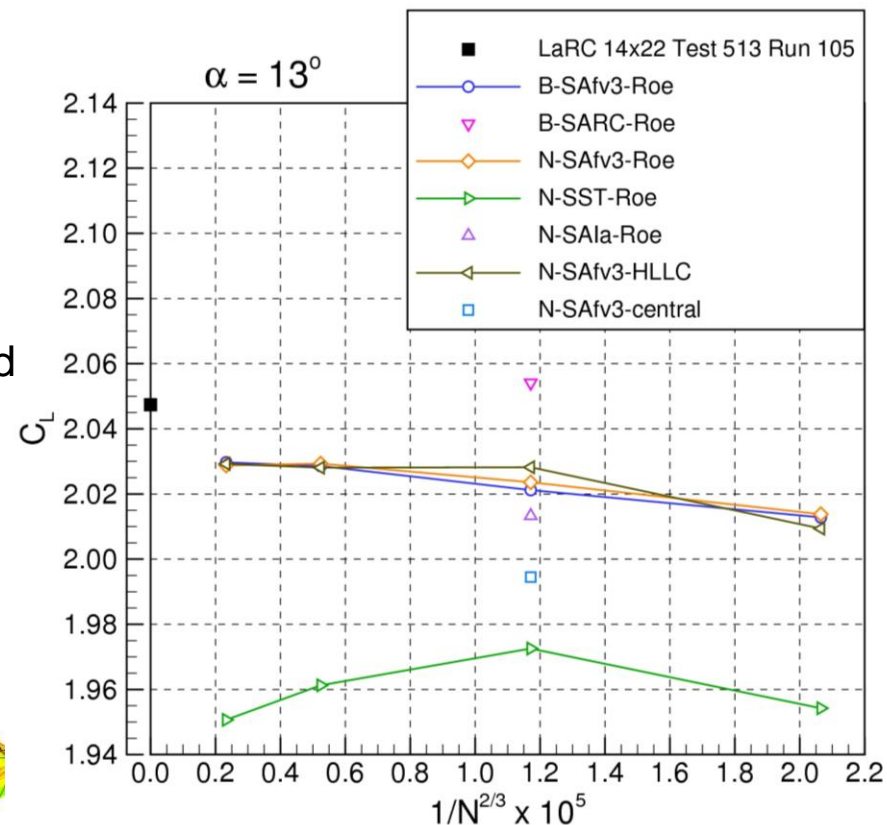
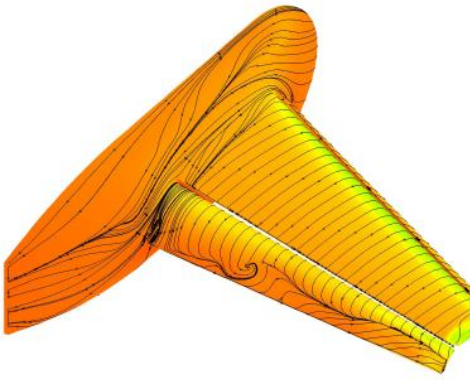
Fine Grid SA



Medium Grid SST



Fine Grid SST



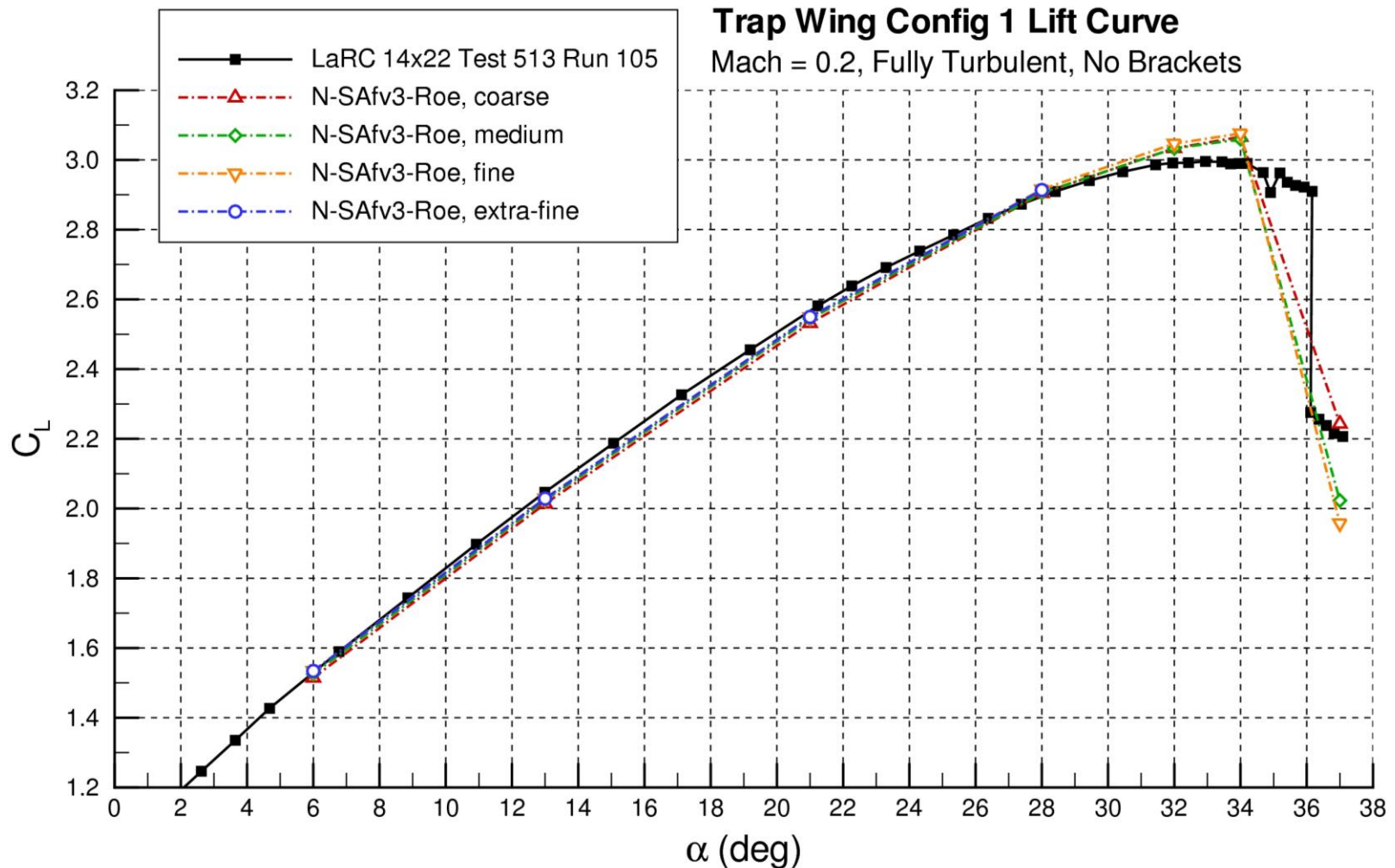
### Effect of Turbulence Model

- Less lift from SA-la compared to SA-fv3
- More lift from SA-RC compared to SA-fv3
- Considerably less lift from SST compared to SA
- SST lift varies more with grid refinement

# Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study

## Config 1 Lift Curve

NASA Results with SA-fv3 and Roe upwind



- Grid refinement has little impact on lift curve through 28°
- Coarse, medium, and fine grid solutions predict the same  $\alpha_{\text{stall}}$



# Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study

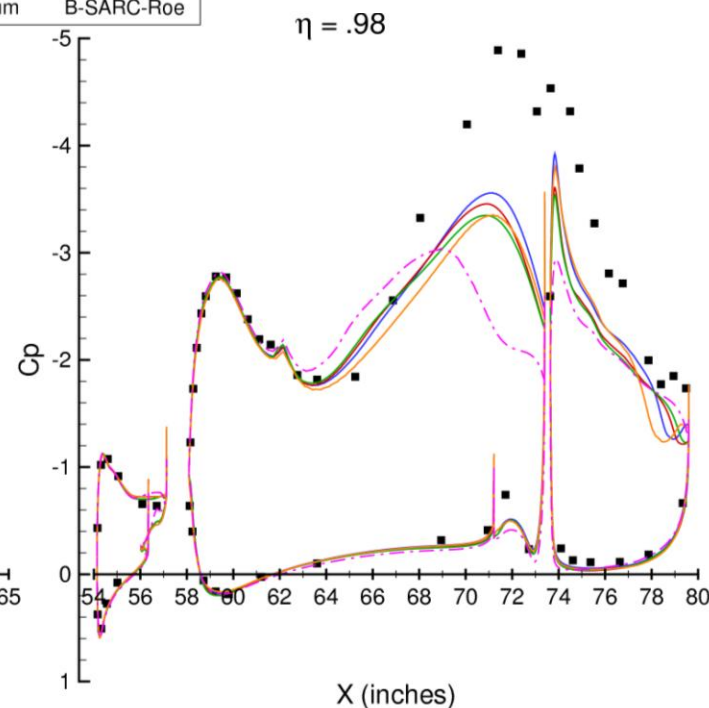
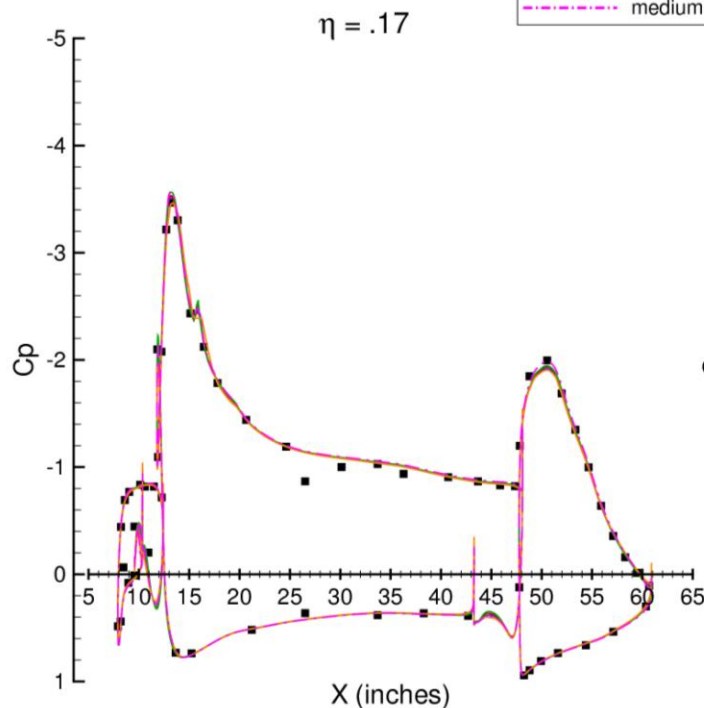
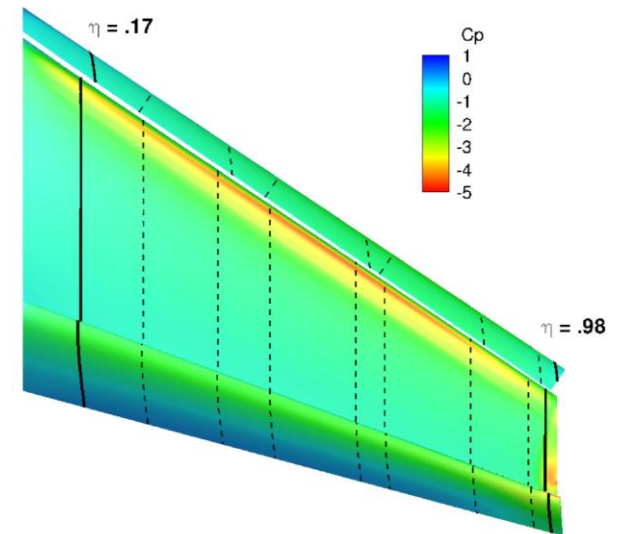
## Config 1 Pressure Comparison at $\alpha = 13^\circ$

Inboard Comparison,  $\eta = 0.17$

- very good agreement with test data
- no significant grid effect
- SA-RC matches flap suction peak

Tip Comparison,  $\eta = 0.98$

- missed wing upper surface aft of  $\sim .25c$  and flap upper surface pressures

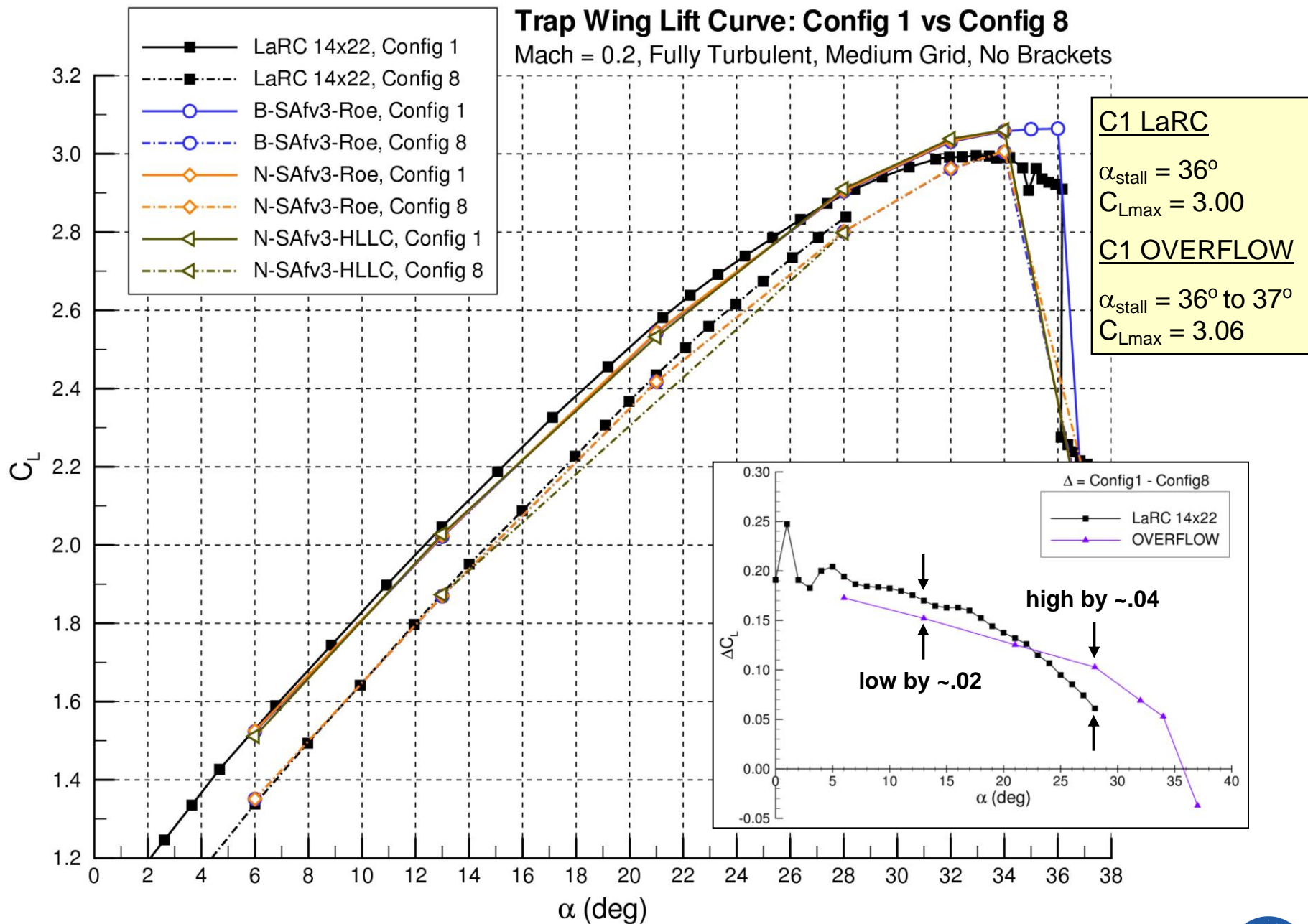


## Test Case 2

### *Flap Deflection Prediction Study*

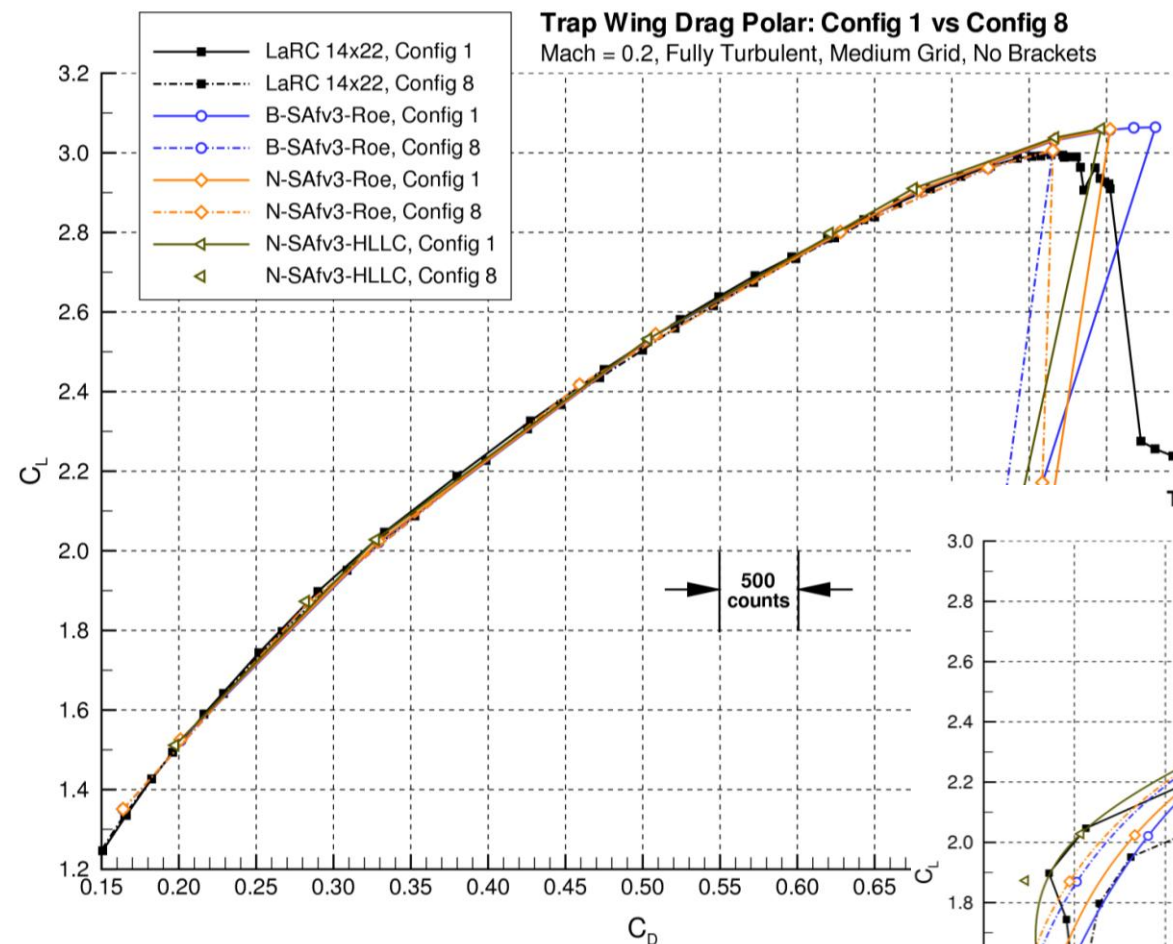
# Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study

## Lift Comparison: Config 1 vs. Config 8

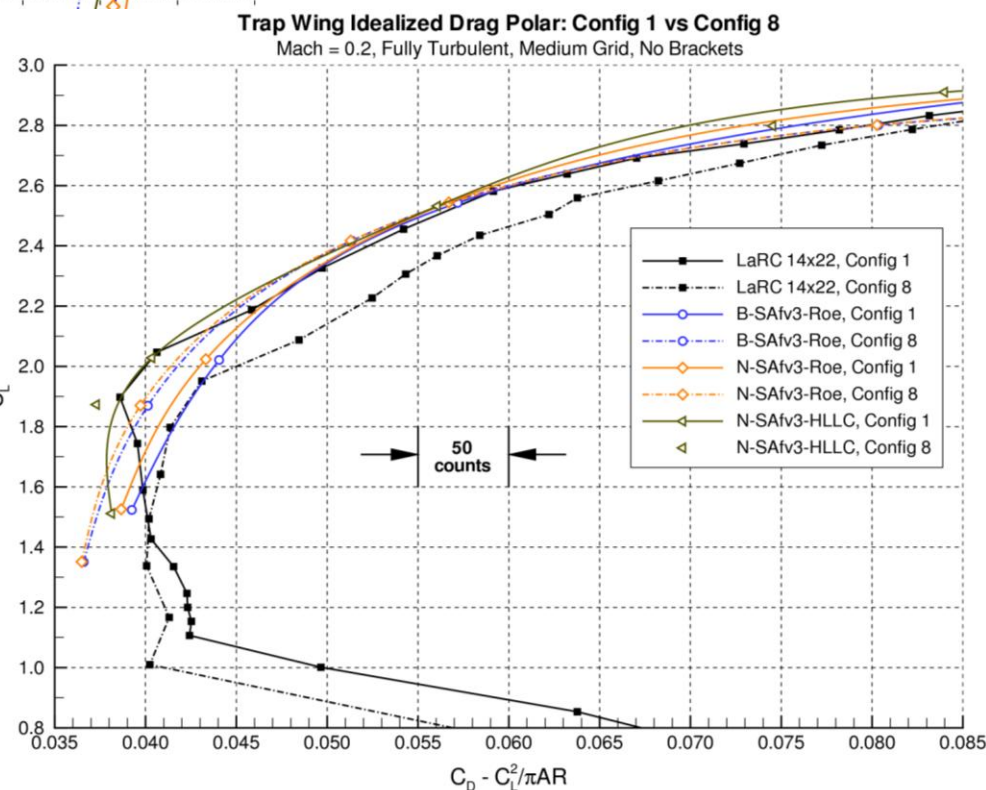


# Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study

## Drag Comparison: Config 1 vs. Config 8



“Idealized” Drag Polar



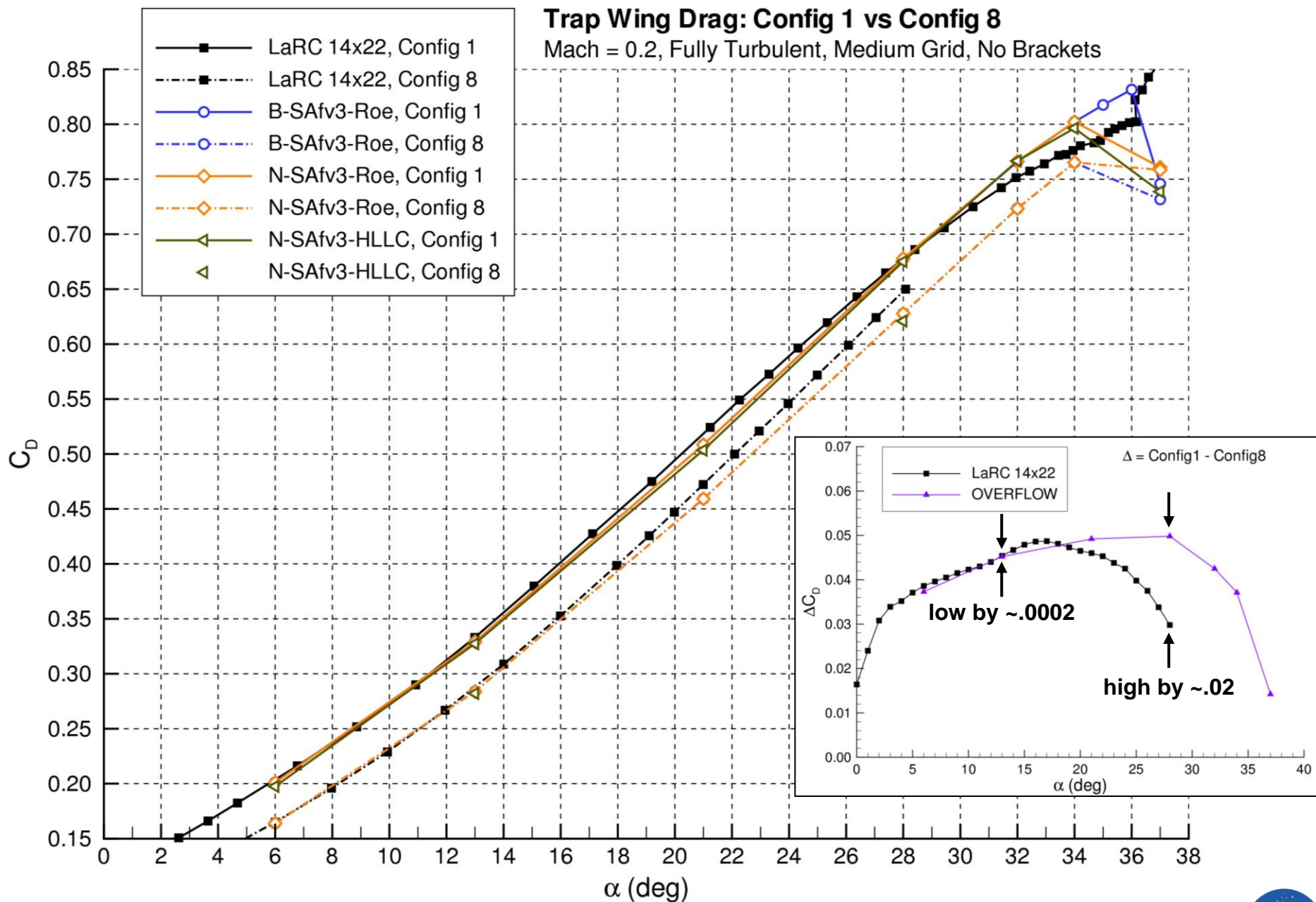
By removing idealized induced drag, a more detailed polar comparison can be made.

- LaRC data show cross-over  $C_L$  to be at 1.5, above which Config 8 has higher drag
- OVERFLOW  $C_L$  cross-over is at 2.4
- Larger difference seen in Config 8 polar



# Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study

## Drag Comparison: Config 1 vs. Config 8 ( $C_D$ vs $\alpha$ )

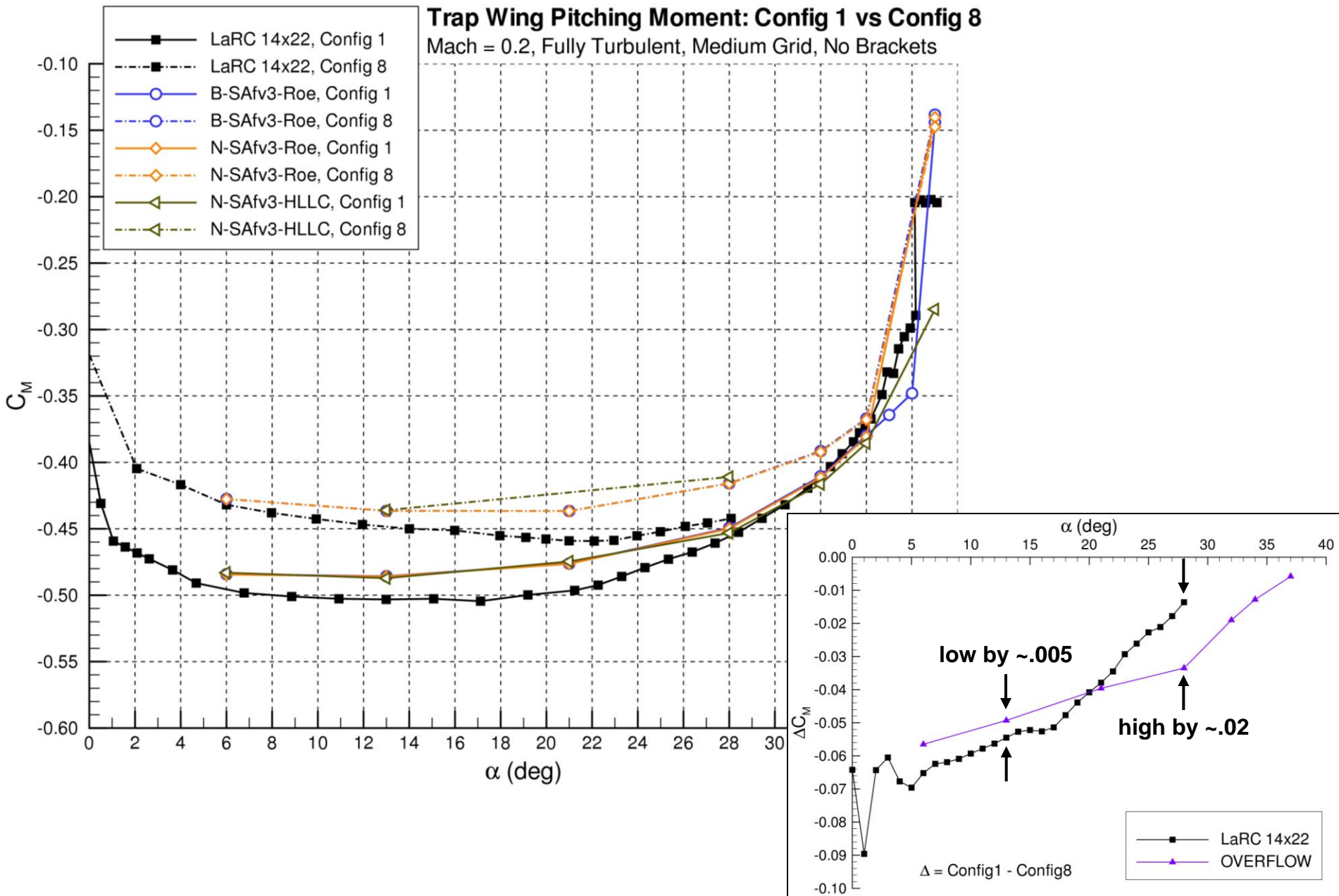


# Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study

## Pitching Moment Comparison: Config 1 vs. Config 8

### Trap Wing Pitching Moment: Config 1 vs Config 8

Mach = 0.2, Fully Turbulent, Medium Grid, No Brackets



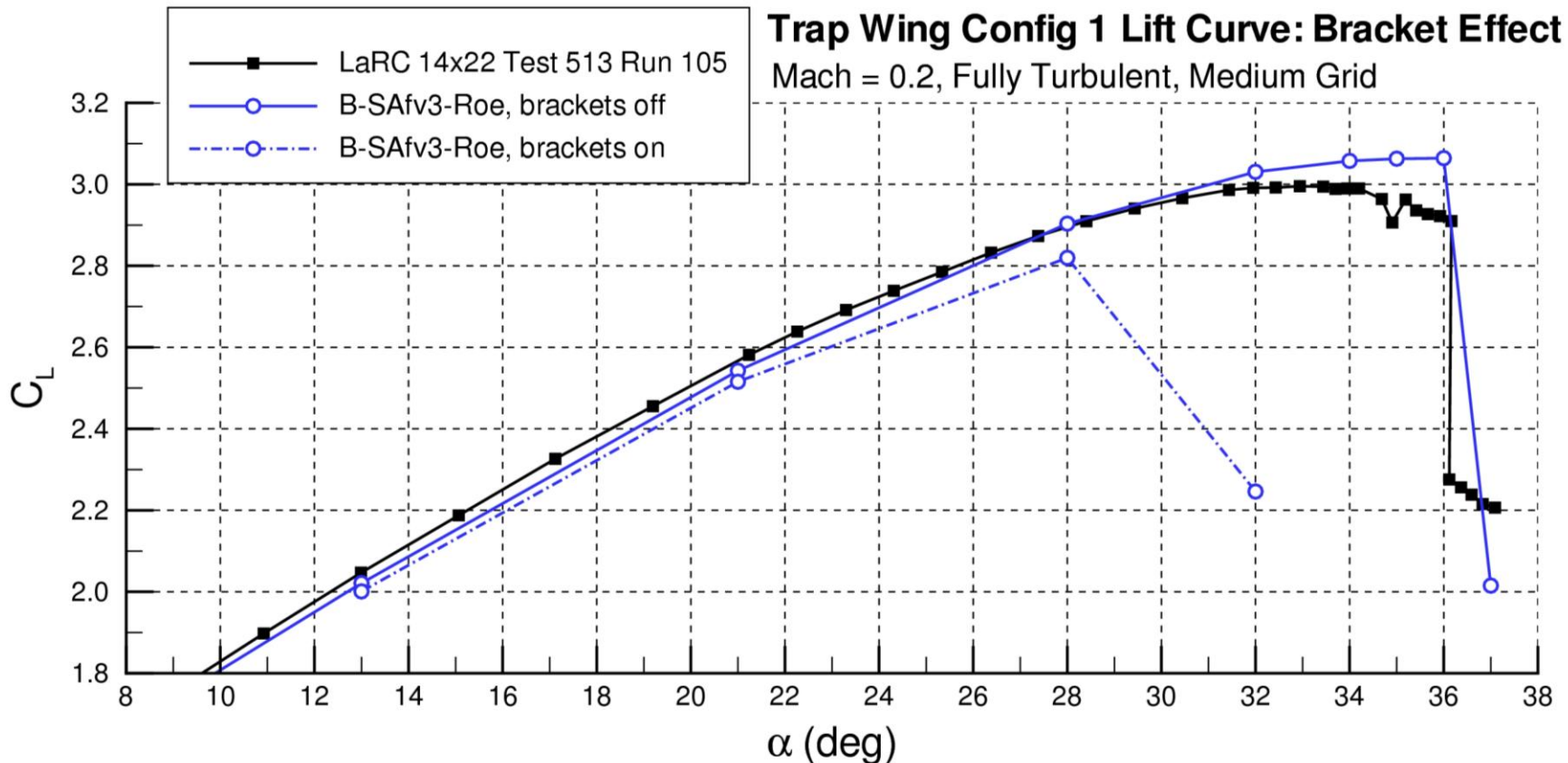
## Test Case 3

### *Slat and Flap Support Effects Study*

# Test Case 3 – Support Effects Study

## Lift Comparison

### Boeing Results with SA-fv3 and Roe upwind

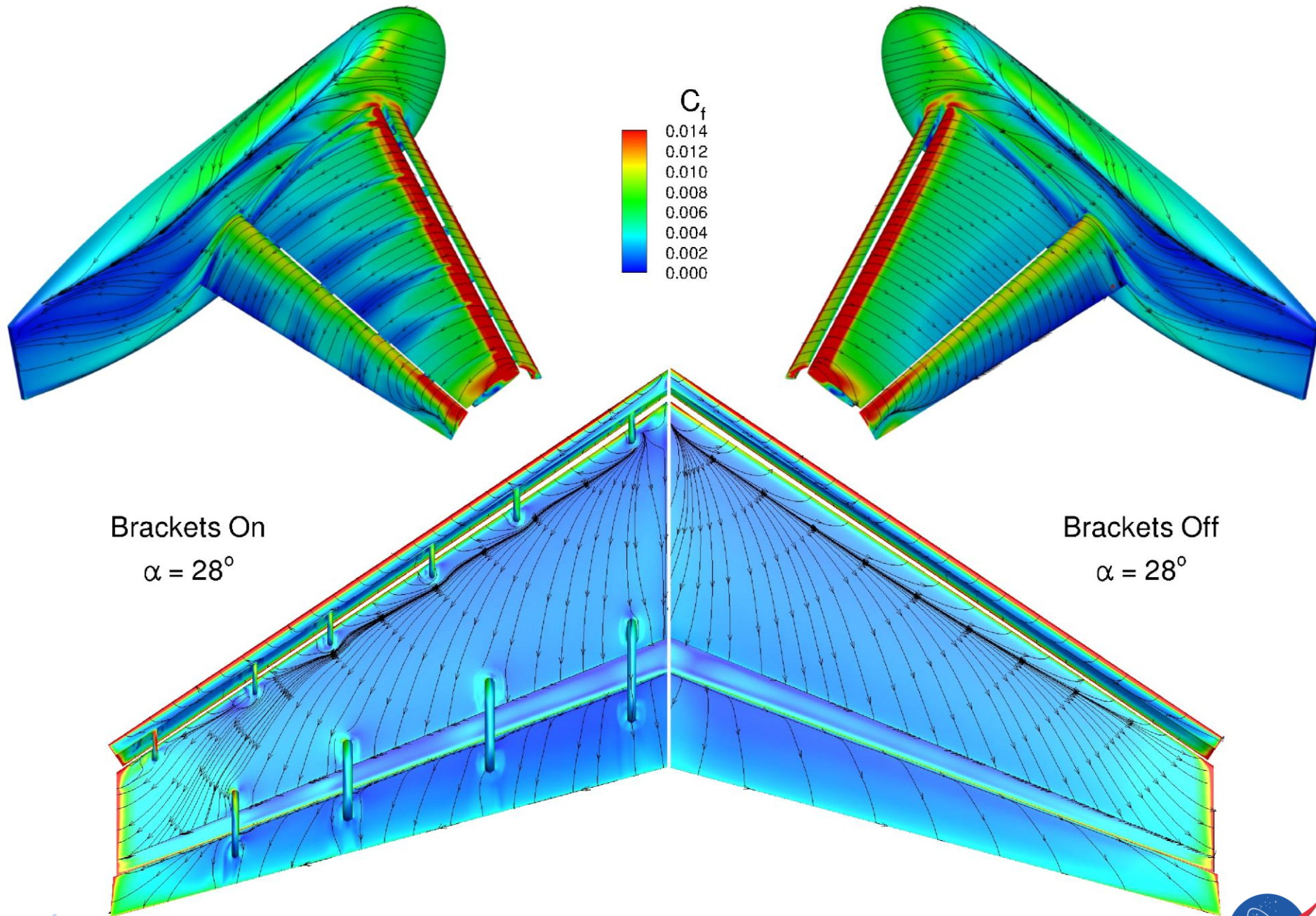


- Brackets reduce  $C_L$  by  $\sim .02$  at  $13^\circ$  and  $21^\circ$
- $C_L$  reduction grows to  $\sim .08$  at  $28^\circ$
- By  $32^\circ$ , the bracket-on configuration is stalled
  - Early stall behavior may be eliminated with alternate solution strategies such as restarting from a lower alpha solution



# Test Case 3 – Support Effects Study

## *Skin Friction and Surface Streamline Comparison*



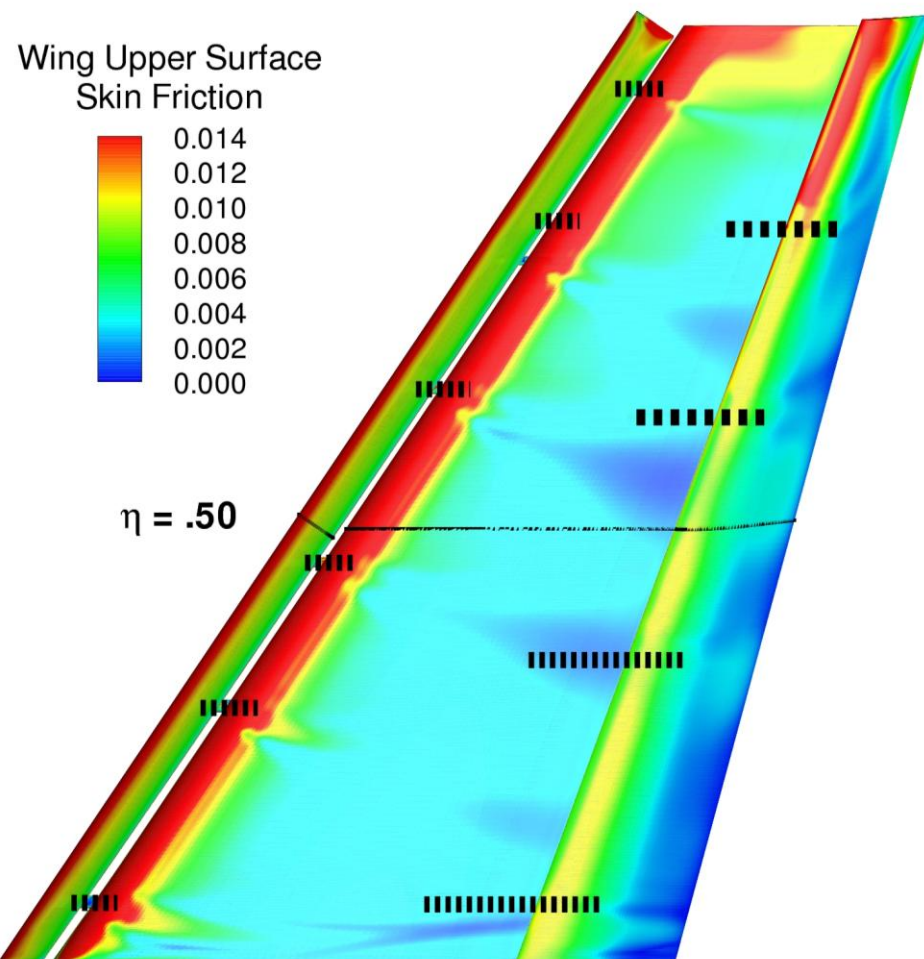
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## Pressure Comparison at $\alpha = 28^\circ$ , $\eta = 50\%$

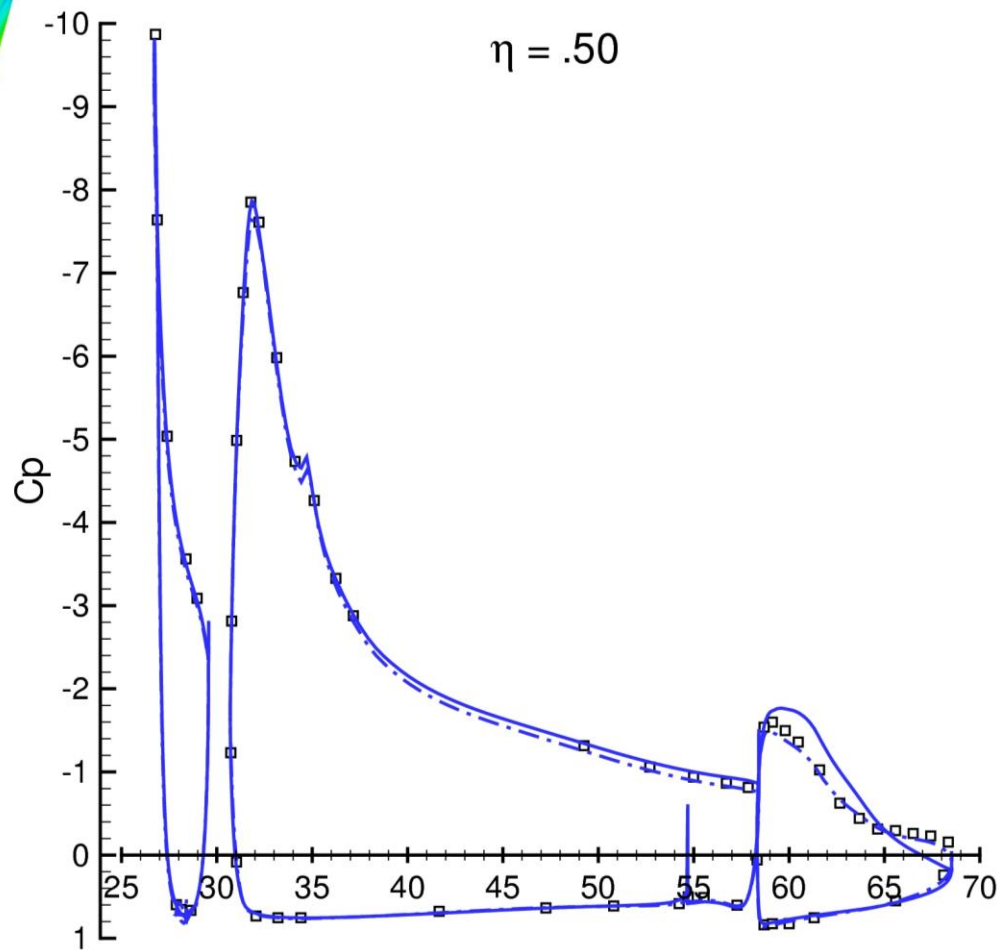
### Trap Wing Config1 Pressure Comparison

#### LaRC 14x22 vs OVERFLOW

$RN_{MAC} = 4.3$  million, Mach = 0.2,  $\alpha = 28^\circ$



—	medium	$C_L = 2.904$
- - -	medium + brackets	$C_L = 2.820$
□	LaRC 14x22	$C_L = 2.896$

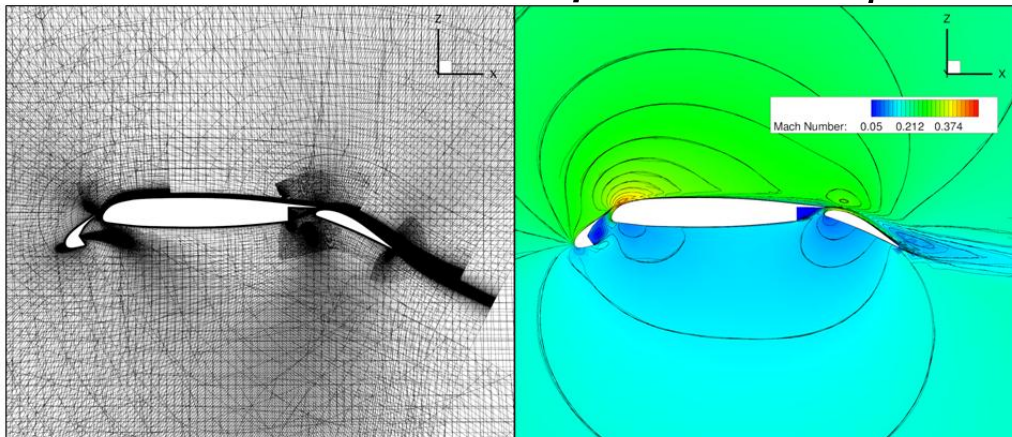


## Additional Study *Off-Body Grid Refinement*



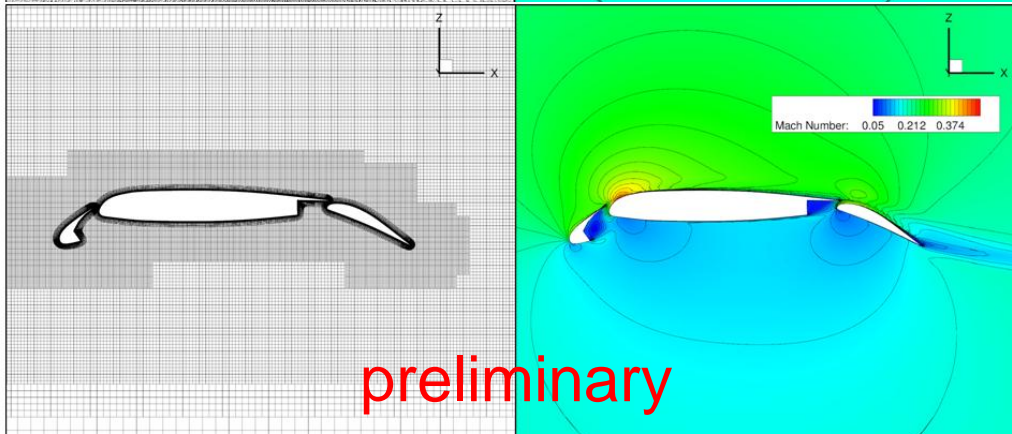
# Additional Study – Off-Body Grid Refinement

## Grid/Solution Comparison at $\eta = 0.50$ , $\alpha = 13^\circ$



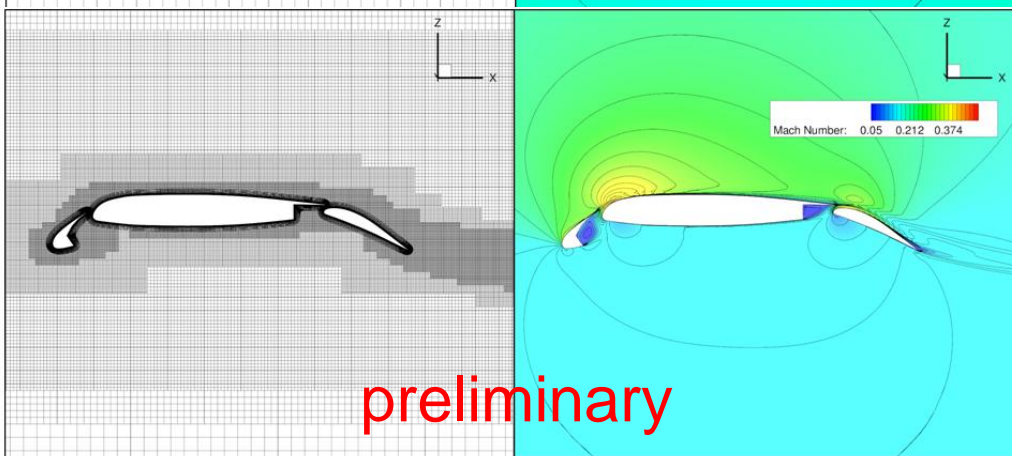
### Medium Workshop Grid

- surface abutting = 17.6M points
- off-body = 7.4M points
- total = 25.0M



### Cut-Down C-Mesh w/ Off-Body Cartesian Grids

- surface abutting = 8.4M points
- off-body = 27.6M points
- total = 36.0M



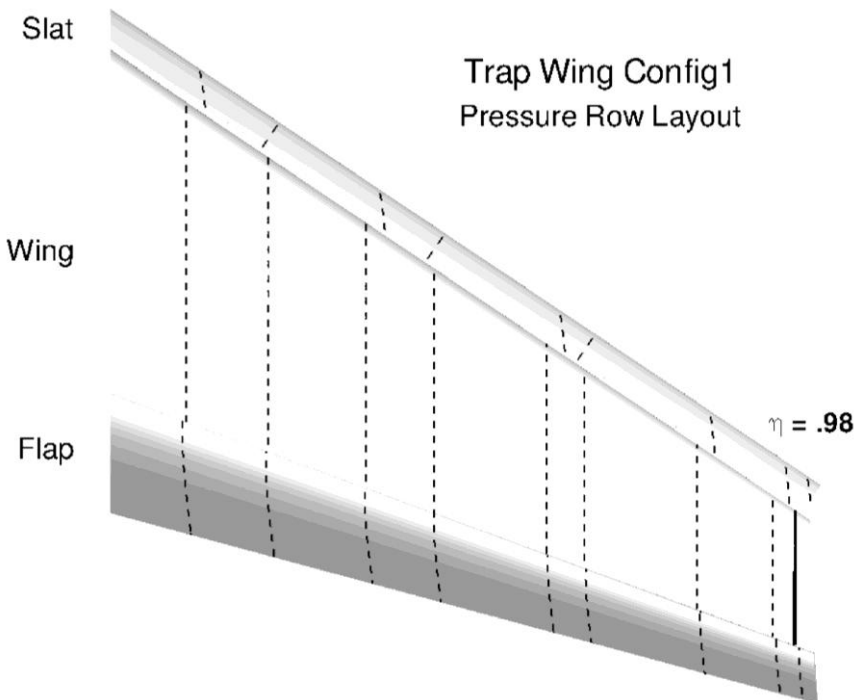
### Cut-Down C-Mesh w/ Level 1 Adapted Off-Body Cartesian Grids

- surface abutting = 8.4M points
- off-body = 161.6M points
- total = 170.0M



# Additional Study – Off-Body Grid Refinement

## *Pressure Comparison at the Tip, $\eta = 0.98$*

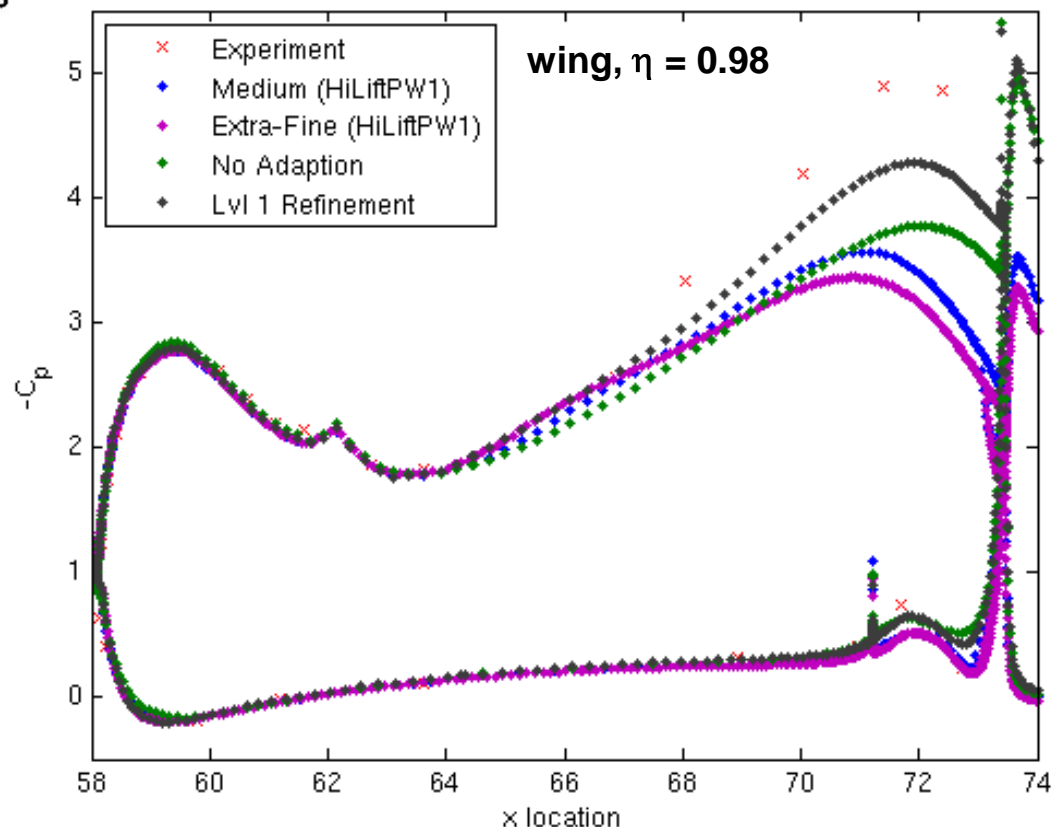


### OVERFLOW Trap Wing Config 1 Results

- fully turbulent, brackets off
- $RN = 4.3$  million
- $Mach = 0.2$
- $\alpha = 13^\circ$

### Preliminary Grid Adaption Results

- Improved pressure comparison at tip with Level 1 refinement
- Adaption clearly puts the points where they need to be
  - Level 1 adaption is a better match to test data compared with the Extra-Fine grid results



### **Solution Convergence**

- The solution strategy used in the Boeing Study was based on consistency (i.e., all cases run with the same  $\Delta t$ , I.C., and assumed steady state). This strategy does not guarantee the same level of convergence when grid spacing is greatly reduced and/or the flow field is characterized by unsteadiness.
- The solution strategy used in the NASA Study proved more effective at reaching consistent convergence levels. This strategy varied  $\Delta t$  and I.C. when needed and switched to time accurate calculations when all else failed.

### **Test Case 1 – Grid Convergence Study**

- With the SA turbulence model, the coarse/medium/fine/extra-fine grid  $C_L$  results are close to linear when plotted against  $1/N^{-2/3}$  and agree reasonably well with test data.
- Flap separation is over-predicted with the SST model particularly for the finer grids.
- In general, pressures are in good agreement with test data.
  - wing and flap pressures at the tip are the exception
  - flap suction peak and trailing-edge pressures predicted best using the SA-RC model

### **Test Case 2 – Flap Deflection Prediction Study**

- Config 1 lift, drag, and pitching moment agree well with test data through stall.
- More discrepancy seen in the Config 8 force and moment data comparison at high  $\alpha$ . This causes the incremental comparison to be off.

# Trap Wing OVERFLOW Analysis

## *Conclusions (continued)*

### **Test Case 3 – Slat and Flap Support Effects Study**

- OVERFLOW results are in-line with expectations: brackets reduce lift.
  - Should the bracket-off lift levels be higher than test data? It depends.
  - Addition of brackets should reduce lift and addition of transition should increase lift. Current bracket-off, fully turbulent solutions just happen to agree.
    - no brackets,  $\uparrow C_L$
    - fully turbulent,  $\downarrow C_L$
- These effects are opposite in sign.  
More work is needed to see if they are equal in magnitude.*

### **Additional Study – Off-Body Grid Refinement**

- Preliminary results from an off-body grid refinement study indicate the flow field at the tip can be adequately resolved with proper grid placement and density.

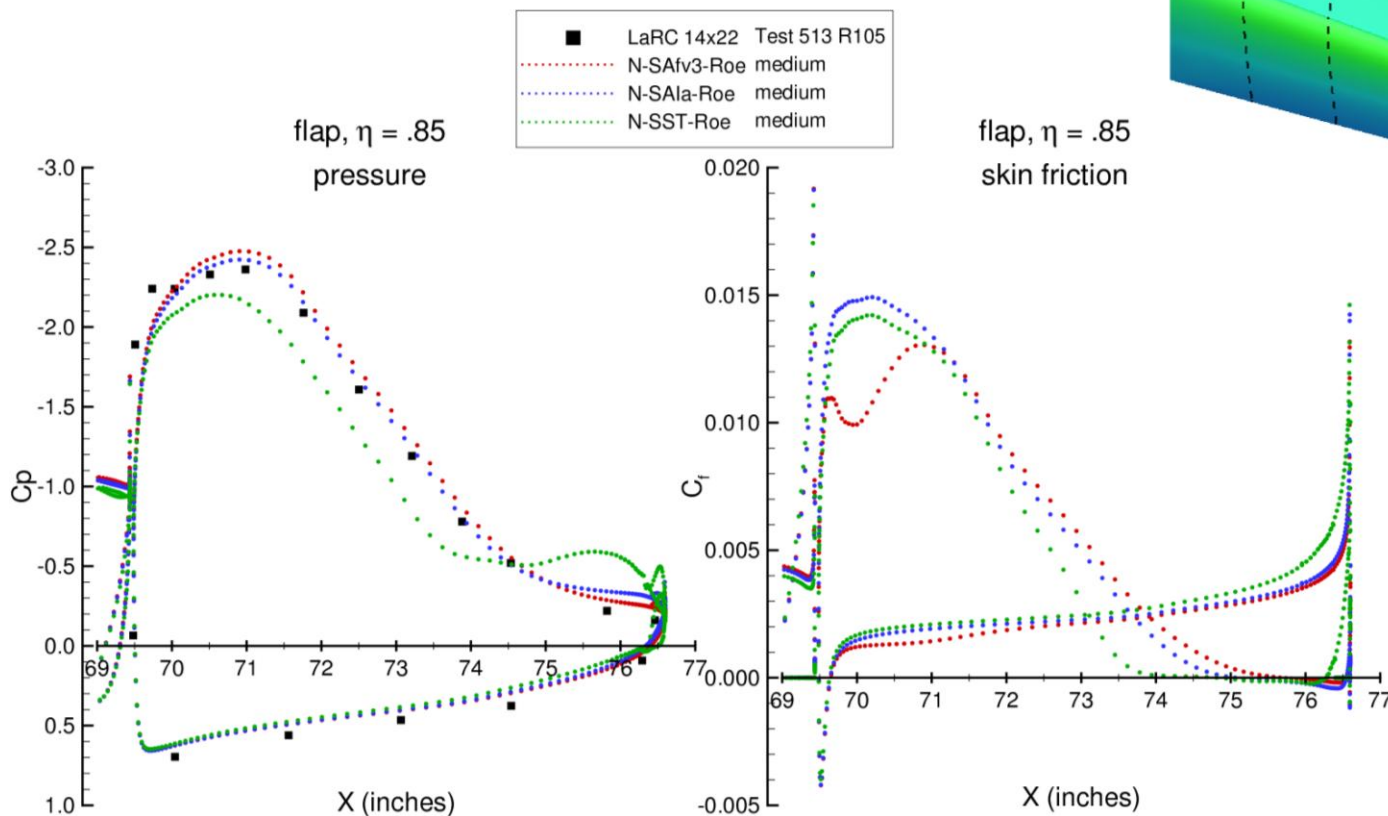
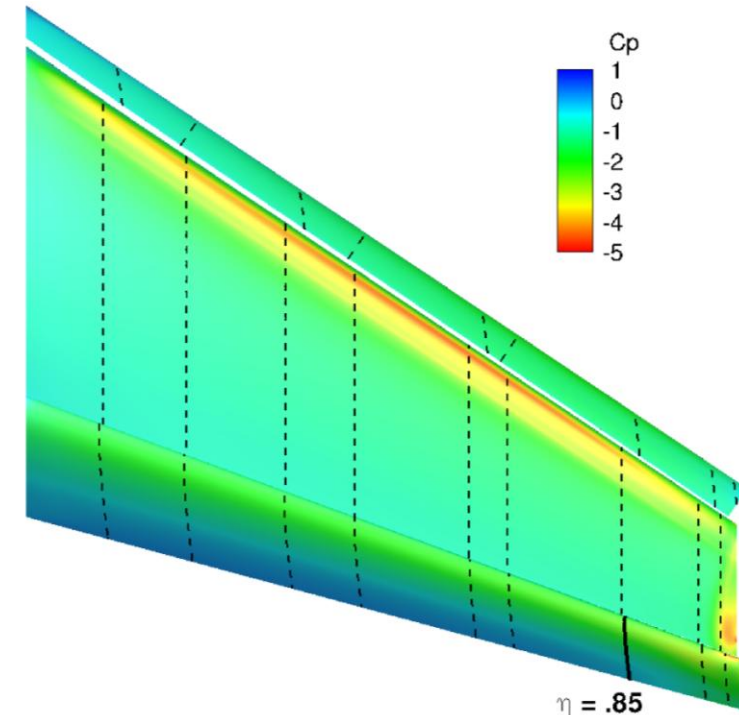
# Questions?



# Turbulence Model Effect: Flap $\eta = 0.85$ SA-la vs SA-fv3 vs SST

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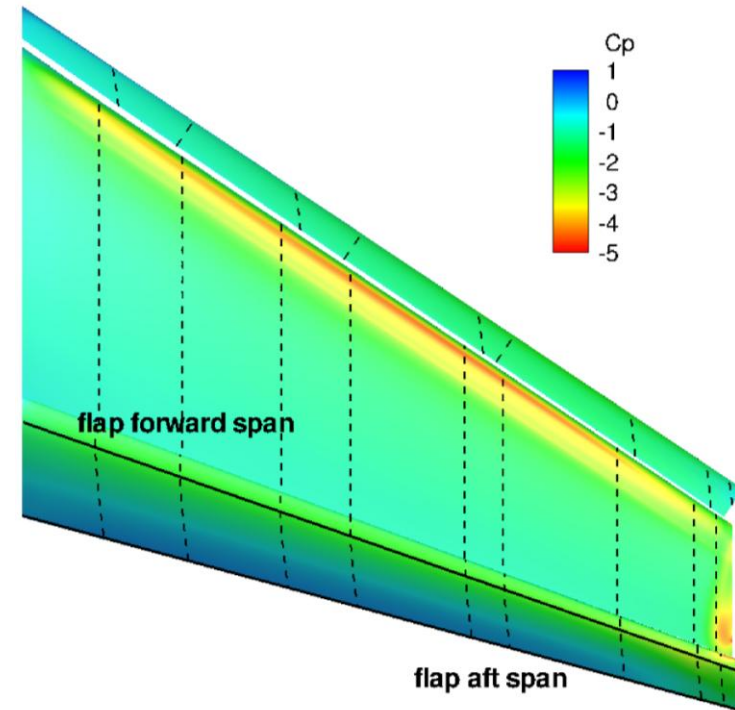
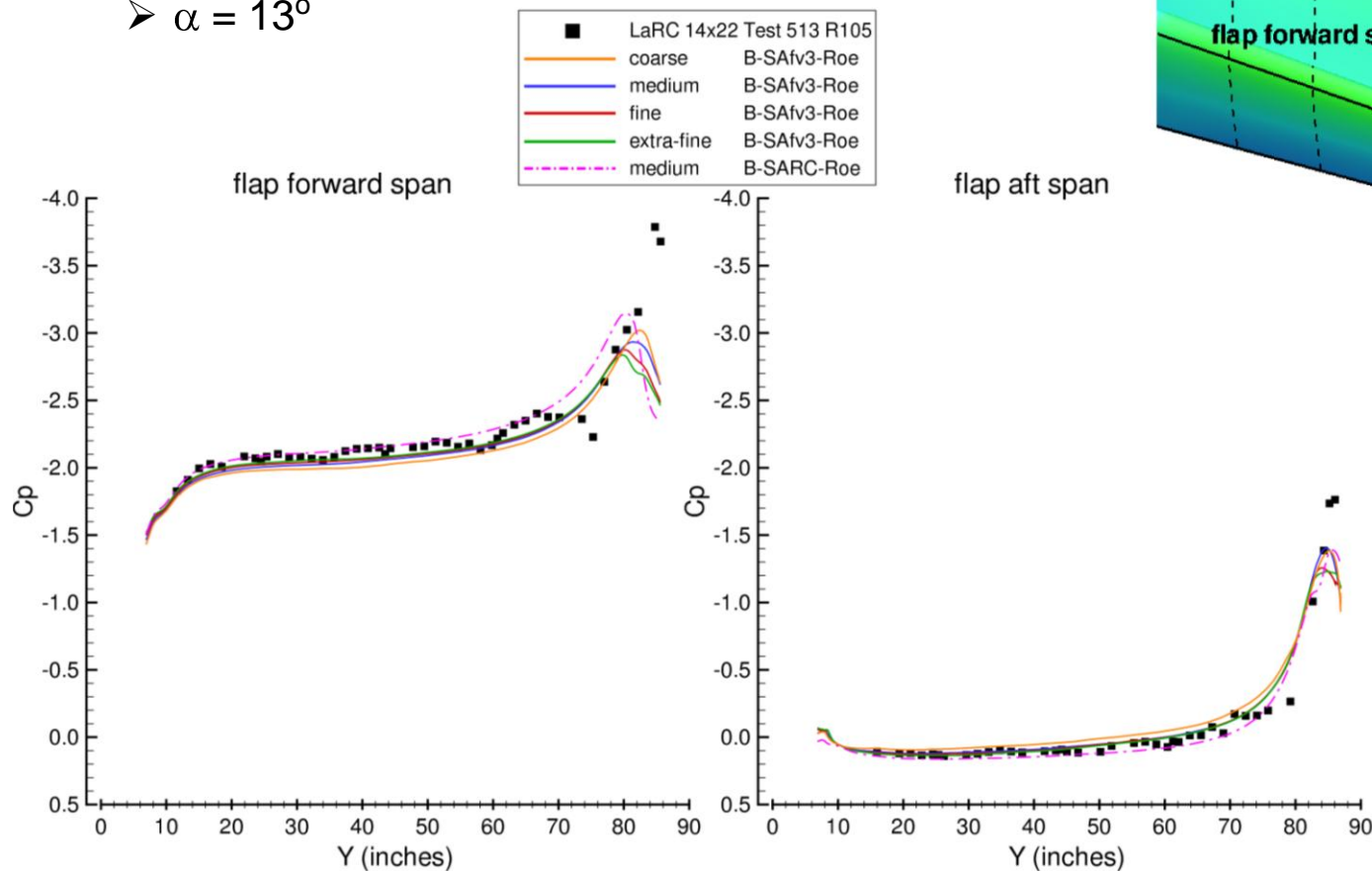


# Turbulence Model Effect: Flap Span

## SA-RC vs SA-fv3

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# Turbulence Model Effect

## SA-fv3 vs SA-la

**Considerably less flap TE separation predicted with the SA-RC model.**

Trap Wing Config 1

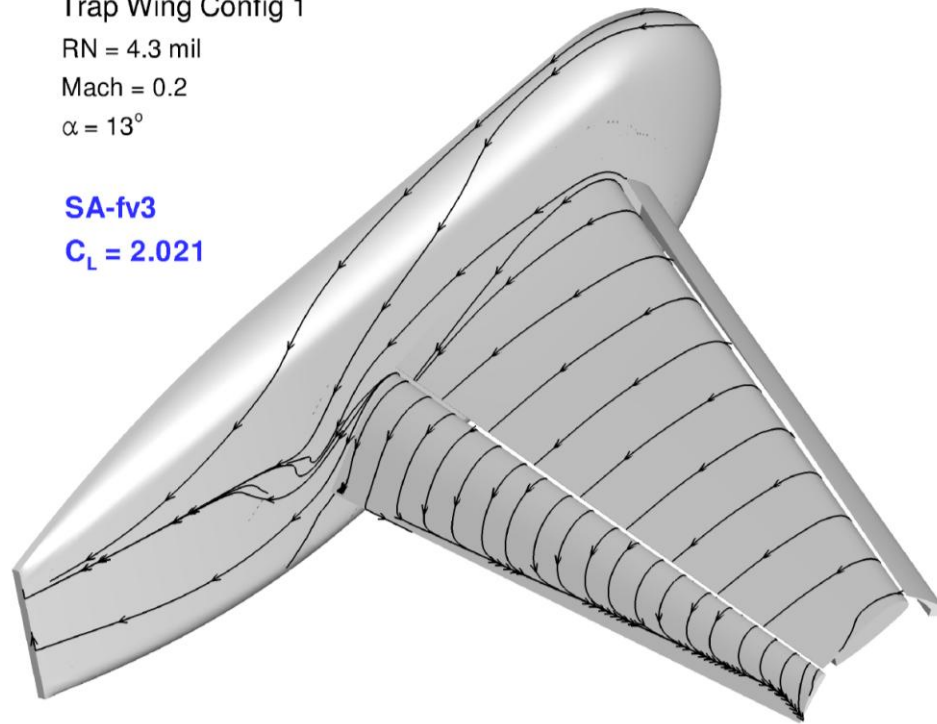
RN = 4.3 mil

Mach = 0.2

$\alpha = 13^\circ$

**SA-fv3**

**$C_L = 2.021$**



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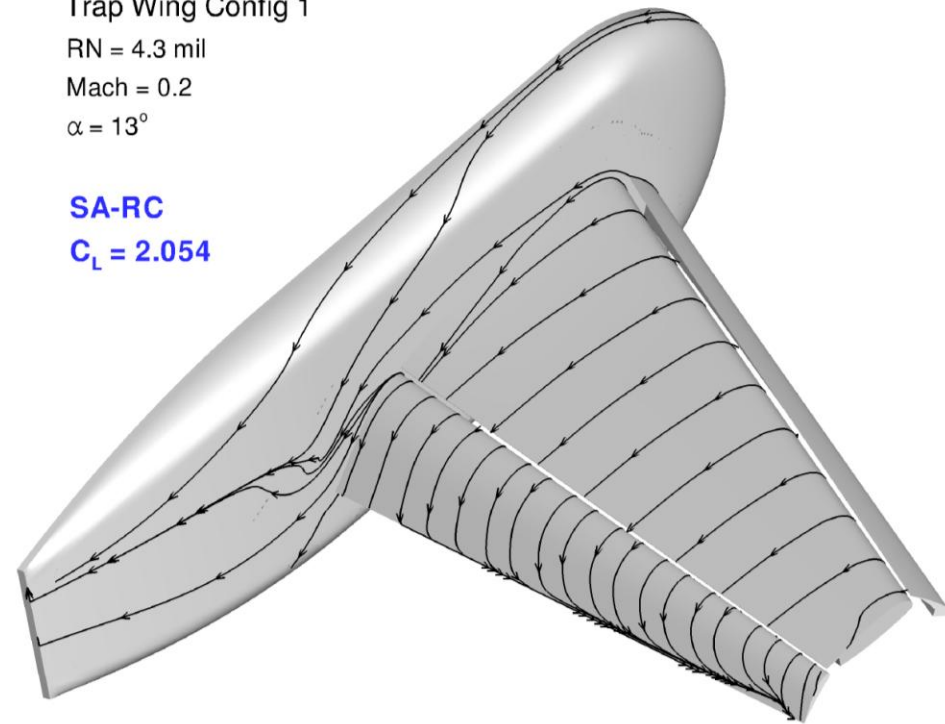
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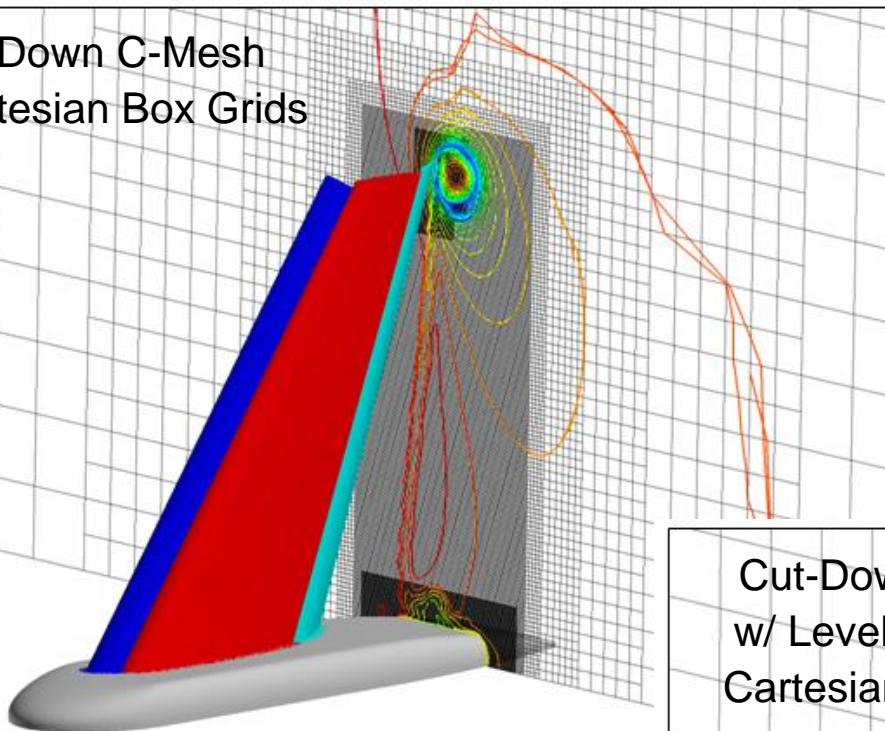
**$C_L = 2.054$**



# Additional Study – Off-Body Grid Refinement

## Config 1 Tip Flow Resolution

Cut-Down C-Mesh  
w/ Cartesian Box Grids



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Cut-Down C-Mesh  
w/ Level 1 Adapted  
Cartesian Box Grids

